The Church of the Redeemer

Bryn Mawr

Lower Merion, Pennsylvania

ERNEST C. EARP, *Rector*

The Fiftieth Anniversary

of the

Consecration of the Church

With prayer and praise we "remember all the way the Lord our God hath led us" during the past fifty years. We bless God for the work of the founders of this Church. We acknowledge the faithfulness of those who endured to the end and have passed to their reward. We thank God that many who were interested in the building of our Church have been spared to celebrate this Jubilee today.

We welcome this Anniversary as a call to renewed effort for Christ and His Church. We acknowledge the unfailing truth for which the Church stands and we pray for grace and power to enable us in this generation to "witness a good confession" to the things of God.

In this service, we acknowledge our stewardship of this building and our earnest desire is that it may long endure as a witness to succeeding generations of the everlasting gospel of the Grace of God.

Whosoever thou art that enterest this Church, leave it not without a prayer for thyself, for those who minister and for those who worship here.

The Church is open daily from nine A. M. to five P. M. for prayer and meditation

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

OCTOBER 11, 1931
11.00 A. M.

Morning Prayer

Organ—Chorale Prelude to "Melcombe" . . . . . *Noble*

Processional Hymn 445

Venite . . . . . *Gibbons*

Psalm—Responsive Reading 25

First Lesson . . . . . I Kings 8

Te Deum . . . . . *Lawes-Hopkins*

Second Lesson . . . . . St. John 13

Benedictus—Chant . . . . . *Attwood*

Hymn for the Fiftieth Anniversary

Dedication of Memorials

Sermon . . . . . The Rector

Offertory for Parish Support

Anthem . . . . . *Gaul*

Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and earth were passed away.

And I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 464

Interior View

Sunday Services

Holy Communion ..... 8.00 A. M.
Church School ..... 9.45 A. M.
Morning Service ..... 11.00 A. M.
Evening Service as announced.
Holy Baptism ..... 3.30 P. M.
Holy Communion each Wednesday, 7.30 A. M.
On the first Sunday of the month at 8.00 and 11.00 A. M.
Saint's Day Communions as announced.
Holy Communion for the Sick on request.

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Te Deum laudamus

Anniversary Hymn

Bless we the Lord, our hymns of praise ascending
Exalt His name, loud alleluias ring;
His gates we enter now, all hearts are rendering
Thanks to our God, in gratitude we sing.

Bless we the Lord that He inspired our fathers
To build this church in the Redeemer's name.
From age to age His loving care surrounds us,
Through changing years eternally the same.

Bless we the Lord, when we approach His altar
Our souls are nourished with the living bread.
Redeeming love recalls us when we falter,
Our wayward footsteps home to God are led.

Bless we the Lord for those whose work is ended,
Heroes of faith, brave victors in the fight,
Their spirits hover round us, each attended
By angel guardians of the saints in light.

Bless we the Lord; accept the prayer we offer,
Grant peace and concord in Thy church alway;
May those who follow us revere this altar,
Thy benediction on their souls we pray.

Words and Music by Ernest C. Earp.

To the Students

The Rector and Wardens of the Church of the Redeemer bid you welcome to the church. We offer our best wishes for your work in school and college. We would assure you that the church and its Rector are ready at all times to help you in any way possible.

A celebration of Holy Communion is held every Wednesday at 7.30 A. M. to meet the needs of students who wish to make a mid-week communion.

Credo

I BELIEVE in the youth of today.

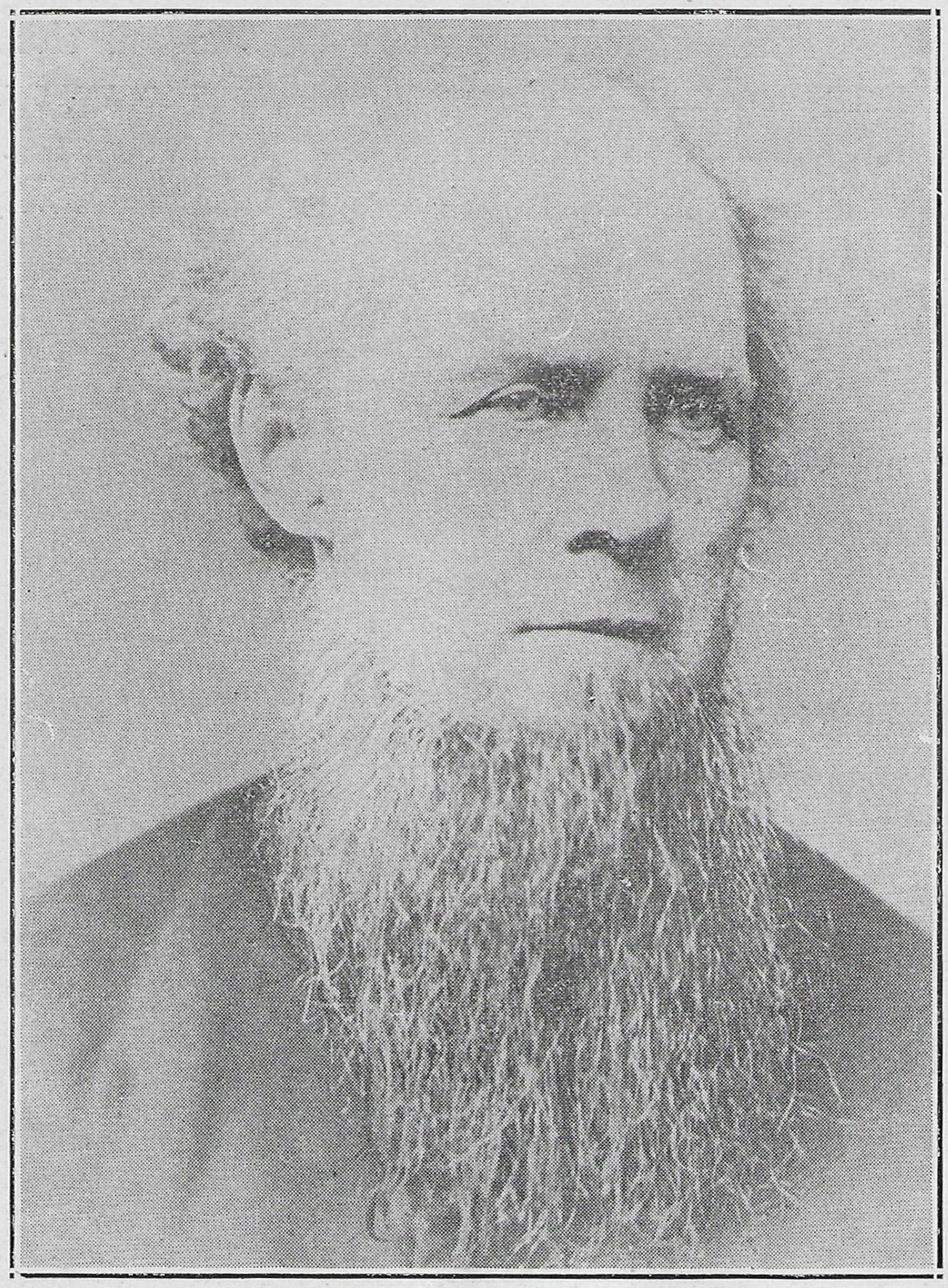
I BELIEVE the coming generation will be equal to the tasks of life.

I BELIEVE that the youth of today will respond to the appeal of beauty, truth and love.

I BELIEVE that they will find the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil to be an illusion.

I BELIEVE that the Church has a vital message for the students of our day. The doors of the Church of the Redeemer are wide open to them. They are welcome at the services and at the altar.

"O come let us worship and kneel before the Lord."



The Reverend Edward Lyddon Lycett

Rector of the First Church of the Redeemer, from 1856 to 1878. In 1858 he began services in Conshohocken. He organized St. Mary's Mission in Ardmore. The first St. John's, Lower Merion, was ministered to by Mr. Lycett.

The Reverend Edward Shippen Watson, D. D.

First Rector of this Church, from 1878 to 1886.
Under his leadership our beautiful Church was built and consecrated

The list of Rectors is as follows:

1851—Reverend Henry Brown
1856—Reverend George S. Rider
1856—Reverend Edward Lyddon Lycett
1878—Reverend Edward Shippen Watson
1887—Reverend James Haughton
1910—Reverend George Calvert Carter
1929—Reverend Ernest C. Earp

The First Church of the Redeemer, built in 1851, situated "above the eight-mile stone on the Lancaster Turnpike." It was described as "The picturesque English-looking church by the side of the railway." The stones from the old church were used in building the present parish house.

The Fiftieth Anniversary

This Church was Consecrated on October 6th, 1881. The following program of services has been arranged to commemorate this historic event:

October 6—Holy Communion at 8 A. M. and 10 A. M.
October 11, 11 A. M.—Anniversary Sermon by the Rector.
October 18, 11 A. M.—Anniversary Sermon by the Reverend Louis Pitt, Rector of the daughter parish of St. Mary's, Ardmore.

October 25, 4 P. M.—Festal Evensong. Music by the combined choirs of St. Mary's, Ardmore, and the Church of the Redeemer. Sermon by the Reverend Canon Guy Rogers, Rector of Birmingham, England, and Chaplain to King George V.

October 28, 8 P. M.—The anniversary will conclude with the rendition of Brahms' "Choral Requiem" by the choir of the Church.

Dedication of Memorials. At this morning's service the wrought-iron gates, which have been built into the Altar-rail, will be dedicated. They are engraved, "To the Glory of God in Memory of Frances Lewis Cuyler, Jr." who was for many years a faithful worker in the altar guild.

The Bishop's Prayer Desk in the Chancel has been given in memory of Miss Wright, the beloved and honored founder of Miss Wright's School, Bryn Mawr.

These beautiful additions to the Chancel furnishings will be greatly appreciated by the whole congregation. The service of dedication will take place immediately before the sermon.

Historic Documents. In the glass case in the church porch there is a copy of the service used at the Consecration in 1881. Also, the "Charter and By-Laws of the Church of the Redeemer," published in 1853. The original "Sentences of Consecration" of the Church and Burial Ground may be seen in the porch.

Needlework Guild of America. Under the auspices of the Haverford Branch of the Needlework Guild of America, Rev. Maude Ballington Booth, founder of the Volunteer Prison League of the Volunteers of America, will speak on Prison Reform, and on the Needlework Guild, at Roberts Hall, Haverford College, on Friday, October 16, 1931, at 8.15 P. M. The members of this congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Church of the Redeemer--Chronological Table

1851. Sunday, August 3d. After Divine service, conducted by the Rev. Henry Brown, Rector of St. David's, Radnor, in Temperance Hall, above the eight-mile stone on the Lancaster turnpike, in Lower Merion, a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a parish; and the following-named persons were selected to act as Vestrymen: Frederic W. Porter, Jesse Gyger, Isaac Hazlehurst, John Hulme, Lewis Wister, David Morgan, James Morgan, Owen Jones, Joseph K. Eyre.

August 9th. First Vestry meeting. Church to be named **St. Luke's, Lower Merion.** Rev. Henry Brown chosen Rector.

November 21st. Corner-stone of Church (on north side Lancaster turnpike, above eight-mile stone) laid by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D.

November 22d. Name changed to **Church of the Redeemer.**

1852. February 19th. Charter of incorporation granted by the Supreme Court.

1855. September 23d. Resignation of the Rector, Rev. Henry Brown.

1856. February 9th. Rev. George S. Rider elected Rector.

April 27th. Resignation of the Rector, Rev. George S. Rider.

September 7th. Rev. Edward Lyddon Lycett elected Rector.

1878. August 5th. Death of the Rector, Rev. Edward Lyddon Lycett. First burial in new churchyard.

November 28th. Rev. Edward Shippen Watson elected Rector.

1879. November 8th. Corner-stone of new Church, on Penn street and Gulf road, laid by the Bishop of Nebraska, Rt. Rev. Harper Clarkson, D.D.

1881. April 17th. Easter Day. First service in new Church.

October 6th. Church and Churchyard consecrated by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D.D.

1885. March 2d. New charter granted by the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County.

1886. October 1st. Resignation of the Rector, the Rev. Edward Shippen Watson.

1887. February 13th. Rev. James Haughton, Rector-elect, assumed charge of the Parish.

1887. March 15th. The Ardmore Mission became a separate parish under name of St. Mary's, Ardmore.

1909. November 1st. Resignation of the Rector, the Rev. James Haughton. (Mr. Haughton remained in charge of the Parish until after the following Easter.)

1910. April 1st. Rev. George Calvert Carter, Rector-elect, assumed charge of the Parish.

1929. January. Resignation of the Rector, Rev. George Calvert Carter.

1929. September 8th. The present Rector, the Rev. Ernest Charles Earp, assumed charge of the Parish.

1931. October. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the consecration of the Church of the Redeemer will be celebrated.

Sentence of Consecration.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Redeemer
Lower Merion Montgomery County, Pennsylvania,
having requested me to consecrate and set apart the House of Worship erected in and for the said Parish

BE IT KNOWN, *that on this Sixth day of October*
in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and Eighty One with the rites and solemnities prescribed, I have duly consecrated and set apart the said House of Worship; separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses; and dedicating it to Almighty God, for reading and preaching His Holy Word, for celebrating His Holy Sacraments, for offering to His Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of Prayer and Thanksgiving, and for the performance of all other Holy Offices, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Testimony Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at*
Lower Merion, this Sixth day of October
in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and Eighty One
and in the Twentieth year of my consecration.

Wm Bacon Stevens.
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Vestry

STACY B. LLOYD . . . . . *Rector's Warden*
JOHN W. TOWNSEND, JR. . . . . *Secretary*
GEORGE R. SINNICKSON . . *Accounting Warden*
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JOSEPH CARSON
GEORGE PETERSON
ALGERNON R. CLAPP
M. W. CLEMENT
FREDERIC E. CAMP
WILLIAM H. HUGHES
F. KING WAINWRIGHT

Organizations

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Alan Wood, 3rd . . . . . *Superintendent*

ALTAR GUILD
Mrs. R. W. Thompson . . . . . *President*

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
Miss Margaret E. Morris . . . . . *President*

GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS
Mrs. Charles S. Townsend . . . . . *Leader*

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The Choir

USELMA CLARKE SMITH, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Sopranos

MARGARET BOMBERGER
MARGUERITE G. COLEMAN
ELIZABETH WOLFE GILLESPIE
FLORENCE WILSON
MARIE P. KERBAUGH
BERTHA E. LEE
DOROTHY OSBORNE SHAFER
HELEN WATLINGTON, Solo

Altos

RUTH P. CENTER
MARY EARP
DORA B. RINEHART, Solo

Tenors

HENRY W. FARROW
HAROLD KRATZ
JOHN OWENS, JR., Solo

Basses

CHARLES DEBEUST
ERNEST T. FREAS, Solo
CLIFFORD YOUNG